

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)
Development Grant from AoA and CMS

Activities Update

DECEMBER 2005

The Executive Office on Aging is initiating the following actions towards implementing the cooperative agreement with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services -- Administration on Aging (AoA) and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

National technical assistance consultants, The Lewin Group and Rutgers University, hosted the November 2005 national meeting for ADRC grantees in separate sessions for 2005 and 2003-04 grantees. The orientation sessions for 2005 grantees, including Hawaii, featured keynotes by AoA Assistant Secretary and CMS Deputy Director; introduction of technical assistance staff; networking opportunities; unveiling of choices for national ADRC logo; and a site visit to the Howard County ADRC in Maryland. Hawaii's representatives to this national meeting were Pat Sasaki, EOA Executive Director; Wes Lum, UH Center on Aging staff; Karen Miyake, Honolulu Elderly Affairs Division Executive; and Lito Asuncion, Hawaii County Office of Aging Planner.

Key Hawaii State legislators have been briefed about the ADRC project and asked to recommend resource persons for the ADRC project. The EOA has submitted a request for the 2006 Session to raise the federal ceiling for the ADRC grant award.

The EOA will develop a working agreement with Hawaii Information Consortium that provides the internal portal for the State's *ehawaii.gov* system. Web access to long term care information is vital for Hawaii's internet users and will provide one source of 24/7 access to helpful information and linkage to resources.

As required by the ADRC Cooperative Agreement, a Statewide Long Term Care Access plan will be developed, primarily through work of the State ADRC Advisory Board. The Board will be comprised of a wide range of key stakeholders. Because the board membership is extensive, EOA is seeking ways to facilitate productive and efficient meetings and communication.

The EOA, Hawaii County Office of Aging, and Honolulu Elderly Affairs Division will be submitting ADRC work plan and budget revisions to AoA/CMS by the end of December.

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Holiday Greetings to All!